WALNUT COVE

AND

Stokes County

Wonderful Opportunities

in

A Land of Vast Possibilities

A WORD FROM YOUR FARM BUREAU

As you read beyond these covers "The Purpose of this Book," think of the message the writer was trying to convey to the citizens of Stokes County. Why would he give of his time and money to compile all this material on the leaders of our County?

We think he had in mind what many of us should have today – to make Stokes County a better place in which to live. We think he saw a need for these leaders to assist in an organization which would make his purpose become a reality.

We think our leaders and many in the Farm Bureau have gone to great expense in time, money and effort to organize the first Farm Bureau in our County. These citizens down through the years had the same purpose in mind which Mr. T. J. Covington had back in 1912.

Today the Stokes County Farm Bureau with 1250 members feel we should all work as our earlier citizens did.

As you read this book, ask of yourself "What Can I Do Toward this Purpose?" Your Farm Bureau will welcome any suggestions you may have.

Services Rendered By Your

STOKES COUNTY FARM BUREAU

TWO TIRE DEALERS:

JOE COVINGTON
Rt. 1, King, N. C.
Hwy. 66

O'NEAL—STEELE GARAGE
Rt. 1
Sandy Ridge, N. C.

Insurance Program for Members

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Hospital Insurance
Group Price

NORTH CAROLINA
FARM
BUREAU
Insurance

HOME OFFICE

RALEIGH, N. C.

	Type of Insurance	Year Started			
1.	Automobile	1953	7.	Homeowners	1960
2.	Farm Liability	1954	8.	Crop Hail	1961
3.	Life	1954	9.	Farm Bureau Accident Policy	1962
4.	Fire	1955	10.	Farmowners	1962
5.	Tobacco Floater	1956	11.	Family Medical	1962
6.	Inland Marine	1960	12.	General Liability	1965

FARM BUREAU OWNED

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK is to bring together for consideration two essentials of progressive and profitable life --- a land of opportunities to men with capital for developing it. We say without hesitancy that here in Walnut Cove and Stokes County there are more fields for the energetic, active man to become engaged in a profitable business than in any town or section within a radius of 200 miles from here. In the following pages we attempt to show some of the opportunities now open to men with means and working people. We hope to succeed in attracting good men our way. If we do, we shall feel that our efforts have not been in vain for them or for ourselves.

Two sections of this book will follow. First, we show some of the leading men of the town of Walnut Cove, as well as some of the business enterprises. The second section will be comprised of some of the good citizens of our county at large, together with sketches of the resources of the county, both developed and undeveloped.

To the good citizens of the county who have so liberally subscribed for the promotion of this publication, we are greatly indebted. Without their co-operation this issue would never have been possible, We dedicate it to every step of progress that can be made by us; to all that goes to make up the best interests of a people; to high ideals; industrial, educational, social, and religious progress; hard work; liberal co-operation; public improvement and public welfare—to all that pertains to the health, wealth and happiness of a people in every honorable condition and walk of life.

T. J. COVINGTON.

WALNUT COVE

NORTH CAROLINA

Walnut Cove is located in the heart of the fertile Piedmont section of this State. Having a back country of twenty-five miles square to support it, it is the ganglionic commercial center for Stokes and portions of Rockingham and Forsyth Counties. A few miles to the North, Hanging Rock, Moore's Knob, Cook's Wall and the Pilot Mountain loom up majestically all of these being a part of the great Sauratown range of mountains which almost traverses this county. The air, as it sweeps from the peaks of these mountains down upon us is pure and bracing. The climate here has been pronounced by travelers of world-wide range to be the finest on earth. We have one of the best State High Schools in North Carolina. Churches are here for almost every denomination in this section, and where your church is not represented you have a cordial welcome from any of them to attend. Our people are thrifty, religious and home-loving, almost wholly unmixed with foreign elements. With all these advantages, we have an ideal place for residence. This should be pre-eminently the home of the traveling man because of our

EXCELLENT RAILROAD FACILITIES

It is here that the Mt. Airy-Sanford branch of the Southern Railway crosses the Roanoke-Winston Salem branch of the Norfolk & Western Railway. Ten daily passenger trains pass here, going to all points—East, North, South and West. No less than thirty freight trains daily run over these roads, thus affording unparalleled *SHIPPING ADVANTAGES*. Our *FREIGHT RATE* is splendid, being *EQUAL WITH THAT OF WINSTON-SALEM* and towns and cities many times our size. This is a good inducement for prospective *MANUFACTURERS* or those looking for suitable locations for *BRANCH FACTORIES*. Besides, labor may be had here more cheaply, because we are surrounded with

RAW MATERIALS.

Almost everything that grows in garden, field, forest or farm may be

grown here to advantage, thus making it possible to secure materials, foodstuffs and provisions at first cost. Rents are not high, locations are plentiful, and real estate is reasonable.

GOOD ROADS

This township and the two townships contiguous to it voted a bond issue for permanent roads last summer. Contracts have already been let for the construction of these roads, and they will be completed in a few months. All roads will lead to Walnut Cove directly from the best agricultural and lumber regions in Piedmont Carolina. We ask that you do not overlook the fact that we are now in the midst of an industrial revolution, as is evidenced by the fact that new buildings, new enterprises and permanent improvements are going up continuously in our town. Below we give a list of new business enterprises that would be a success here:

Lumber Yard	Tobacco and Cigar Factories
Builders' Supplies	Wholesale Houses
Flour Mills	Bottling Factories
Knitting Mills	Fertilizer Factories
Dairies	Harness and Leather Factories
Creameries	Broom Factories
Shirt Factories	Department Stores
Pant Factories	Tobacco Warehouses
Cotton Mills	Chair Factories
Furniture Factories	Buildings for Rent

Walnut Cove has a live Board of Trade that has accomplished great things for the town. It would be glad to consider any of the above named enterpries with any responsible prospect.

CAPTAIN R. L. MURPHY, President
DR. J. W. SLATE, Secretary
T. J. COVINGTON, Assistant Secretary

OSCAR N. PETREE

Mayor of Walnut Cove—Banker

Mr. Oscar N. Petree, who is a native of this county, is too well known to the people of this section of the State and to the business world to need any introduction. He received his education at the A. & M. College of this Stater, after which he taught school. While in this profession he came to realize that the business world was his proper place. His friends saw his ability, and accordingly he was elected Cashier of the Bank of Stokes County at Walnut Cove. Nothing is too small or too large for him to do for his friends, who are legion, and once an acquaintance with him, always a friend.

Mr. Petree has varied interests in the business of the town. He is a large stockholder in the Bank of Stokes County and has interests in several other enterprises. When the growth of the town is under consideration,

he is found to be a most liberal contributor. His great desire is to see Walnut Cove become a town of 2,500 people within the next few years. Twenty-five like him would turn the town into a city.

Not only in the business world is Mr. Petree recognized as a leader, but the political world has honored him by making him Mayor of our town. He was first elected in 1912, and at the election of 1913 no candidate was found in the field opposing him. He was the unanimous choice. He has shown his appreciation to the citizenship by giving us an administration consisting of order, peace, public improvement and civic welfare.

Whether as Mayor, Banker, or private citizen, Mr. Petree works equally unceasingly for the common good. What he does he does well. A man like him is indispensible to a community. While yet a young man, he has come into prominence, and time only can tell what the future has in store for this energetic, untiring, progressive citizen, possessed with ability, honor and integrity.

J. LUTHER MITCHELL

Chief Town Officer

Mr. J. Luther Mitchell is one of our most valuable citizens. His connection with the town as Chief of Police is superb. As an officer, he possibly has no equal for diligence in the discharge of his duty. He keeps an alert eye on law-breakers, and sees to it that the law is enforced.

As a business man he is successful. His principal business is dealing in live stock. In addition to this he has other interests in various enterprises of the town.

Not only as an officer and a business man is his influence felt, but we count him a great factor when it comes to new enterprises. Public-spirited as he is, he believes in pushing things. When a question of public interest is being considered, Mr. Mitchell is always found with his "shoulder to the wheel." Congenial, progressive, loyal and honorable, we value him as one of our best and most active citizens.

RESIDENCE OF MR. J. LUTHER MITCHELL

BANK OF STOKES COUNTY.

DANBURY-WALNUT COVE

Until 1905 there was not a single banking institution in this county. In that year it was our good fortune to have the Bank of Stokes County organized, a pioneer bank, that we have been proud of and one that has been a marked success from its beginning. To Mr. N. E. Pepper is due largely the success of the institution. He was one of the first promoters and has been connected with the bank from its beginning, in the capacity of Cashier and Director. The other officers of the bank are Mr. M. T. Chilton, President, and Dr. J. W. Neal, Vice-President, both of of whom are widely known as business men of sound judgment and conservative methods.

Nothing will tell better the success of the bank than the amount of its deposits. With a capital stock of $20,000 it carries deposits many times that amount, $225,000 being the highest mark reached. The same careful attention is given accounts whether large or small.

FARMERS' UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

One of the most recent as well as most successful enterprises launched here is the Farmers' Union Bank and Trust Company. Mr. J. Spot Taylor is President, Mr. B. J. Savage ,Vice President, and J. W. Slate is Cashier. This Bank grew out of the general movement in the Farmers' Union for more co-operation. It was organized in January, 1913, with a capital stock of $25,000. It was a decided success from the day it opened its doors for business. In less than twelve months it is carrying deposits amounting to

$100,000. Its methods are sound and safe, and the men behind it are conservative business men. Ninety-five stockholders are behind the institution, representing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There is nothing stronger in this county than the great Farmers' Union, having a membership of about 2,000 men, who have invested for the good of their organization about $80,000. The Farmers' Union Bank & Trust Company is one of their strongest enterprises.

No account is too small or too large to escape the notice of this Bank.

J. W. SLATE, M. D.

Banker, Merchant, Practitioner, Farmer

Dr. J. W. Slate is recognized as a leading spirit in the affairs of our county. He was graduated from the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va., in 1900. For thirteen years he commanded a large and successful practice in his profession as physician. He was called to the business world by the opportunities facing him, and quit his lucrative practice of medicine to become cashier of the Farmer's Union Bank & Trust Company. In the capacity of cashier of this bank, he has shown himself second to none as a financier, and the large patronage he has built up shows that he is as much at home with his fingers on the pulse of business as he was with them on the pulse of his patient. His success is partly due to the absolute trust his friends place in him, and numbering them by the hundreds, as he does, he is in position to reach the confidence of business. He enjoys a prominent standing in this section of the State and with business circles throughout the country.

Dr. Slate has been closely identified with practically every new enterprise that has been established in our town and county for the past few years. He is recognized by the Farmers' Union as a strong man and a leader. He believes in co-operative buying and selling. To this end he organized one of the largest corporations in the county, The Stokes Supply Company, of which he is President. He is a large stockholder in the Farmers' Supply Store of this place, the Stokes County Union Warehouse, and other enterprises too numerous to mention. He is a membes of the County Board of Health of this county. In this capacity he has striven for better health conditions.

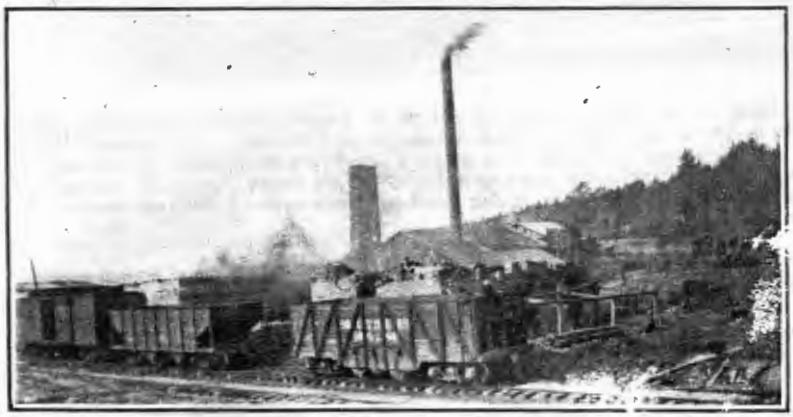
When the Walnut Cove Board of Trade was organized, the need for a live, energetic man for Secretary was felt. Dr. Slate was unanimously chosen to fill that place. His work in this respect has been most creditable.

To praise a man of the caliber of Dr. Slate would be useless. To try to add anything to his worth would be unnecessary. To estimate his value to his community, county and State would be impossible. Suffice it to say that he is a mighty factor in our midst and that we realize him to be an indispensible, invaluable citizen, worthy of any trust that might be placed upon him.

HEDGECOCK BRICK COMPANY

The biggest and possibly the most profitable business in Walnut Cove is the Hedgecock Brick Works, with a capacity of 40,000 brick a day. The quality of this output is of the highest grade building brick. This company supplies all the brick for local building at a better price than they can be bought at other points and ships carloads after carloads to near-by and distant places. Prospective builders will have no difficulty in getting all the brick they need.

The Hedgecock brick plant has been a success from its foundation



seven years ago. It is under the direct management of Messrs. N. R. and R. A. Hedgecock. These young men have shown their business ability by the way they have managed this prosperous industry. Having excellent transportation facilities and a splendid freight rate, as we do, they have been worked to their fullest capacity to fill orders. Their daily output, together with orders always ahead, prove the merits of their product wherever their brick is known.

DODSON HOTEL

The Dodson Hotel is owned and operated by our wide awake, active townsman, Mr. W. G. Dodson, who is a business man of sound judgment and honest convictions. Here it is that the weary traveler finds rest in a modern hotel furnished with all necessary appliances and accomodations including sewer and bath. This house leads all others in the transient trade without losing sight of the accommodations to its boarding trade. A very pleasant place to stop.

MR. J. G. H. MITCHELL.

Mr. J. G. H. Mitchell is a recent valuable addition to the good citizenship of our town. He has retired from active life but still possesses the big hearted spirit that has actuated him all his life. He comes to us because of the excellent advantages offered here for a residence town.

Mr. Mitchell is well known as a prominent figure in the progress of our county and as a man with means.

THE VAUGHN HOTEL

What formerly was the Walnut Cove Hotel is now run by Mr. W. S. Vaughn as the Vaughn Hotel. It is a splendid house, catering to transient and boarding trade, especially the latter, leading all other houses

in this respect. The home-like, hospitable treatment of its guests is greatly responsible for this, together with the excellent management, conducted directly by the family. These people are excellent members of our citizenship and contribute much to the reputation of Walnut Cove as being a pleasant place to stop. If you are looking for a place to live or are here for a short time, the Vaughn Hotel will offer its best accommodations at all times.

MR. W. F. BOWLES

Mr. W. F. Bowles is one of our best citizens and business men. He is a man who succeeds in whatever line he undertakes. Possessed with the necessary vim and "push" to make things go, he is also one of our staunchest supporters of new enterprises.

Mr. Bowles is directly engaged in dealing in horses and mules and in

RESIDENCE OF MR. W. F. BOWLES

livery work. In his line he is considered an expert in his judgment of stock.

Mr. Bowles holds quite a little valuable real estate in this town. In addition to this, he is a stockholder in several of our enterprises, and withal a good business man.

STEWART - JONES CLOTHING COMPANY

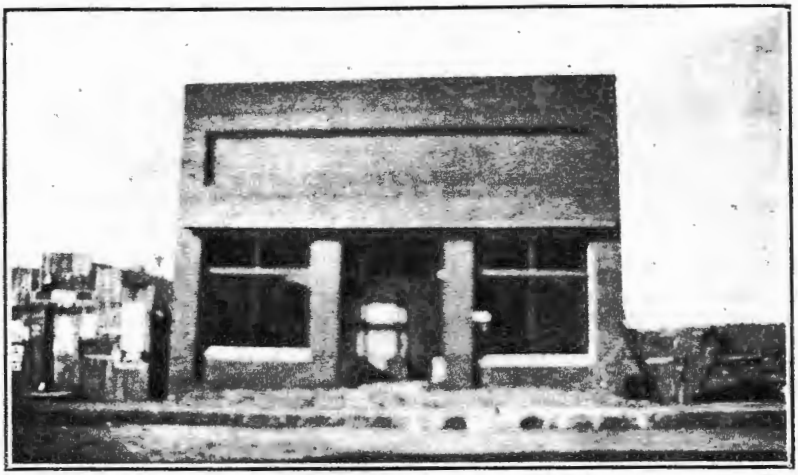
One of the most recent enterprises of our town is the Stewart-Jones Clothing Company, with Mr. S. H. Stewart manager. No concern is stronger than the men behind it. The strength of this company is great because of the type of men behind it. Mr. Stewart is an experienced clothing man, having been in the business in Winston-Salem before coming here. Under his excellent management the company is building a trade that can be viewed with envy by the less energetic. Mr. C. M. Jones, senior partner in the firm, is ex-Sheriff of Stokes County and enjoys the confidence of a multitude of friends second to none anywhere. With two strong men behind the enterprise, both of whom are well known throughout

this section, coupled with satisfactory dealings with their customers, the new firm bids fair to lead in the clothing and gents' furnishing business in this town and community.

As citizens, none are better than these men. Nothing could be said that would add to the worth of either. Both are hard workers for progress in every line, and nothing that has a bearing on the uplift of our community escapes their attention.

We want more business concerns propagated and propelled by the type of men behind the Stewart-Jones Clothing Company.

STOKES GROCERY COMPANY



In 1909 Mr. John G. Fulton promoted and established the Stokes Grocery Company - a wholesale grocery business. It was a new and untried business here, so it was run as an experiment for two years. It was found to be a paying business and the outlook pointed to success from the beginning. It was then incorporated with a paid in capital stock of $15,000 with Mr. J. G. Fulton as manager. From its beginning in a small building 18 feet by 30 feet, the business has grown continually until now the campany occupies a large warehouse, and moved from its old place into its large new brick building---its third home---the first of the year 1914.

The success of this institution has been unequaled by any establishment here. It has built a prtronage to be envied by the less energetic throughout Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford, Forsyth, Yadkin and Surrey Counties.

DR. W. H. CRITZ

One of the most recent additions to the good cittzenship of our town is Dr. W. H. Critz. He comes to us from Davie County. He is a dentist by profession. He received his dental training at the Southern Dental College, Atlanta, Ga. He was graduated there in May, 1912, with honors, only one member of his class, an already practicing dentist, receiving a higher grade. He passed the State Board of Examiners July 3, 1912, and joined the State Dental Society on the same date. After traveling over a part of Eastern and Western North Carolina seeking a location, he decided to come to Walnut Cove. During the short time he has been here he has had a splendid practice, and his outlook is beyond the ordinary.

Dr. Critz is a valuable asset to the citizenship of our town and county. His conduct proves him to be a man of the best type our country affords. There is nothing small or frivolous in him. He is alive to the best interests of the times and shows that willingness to help expand the community that makes him popular with his fellows.

THE "GOLDEN RULE."

The "Golden Rule" is an up-to-date drug store conducted by a "Golden Rule" man, Mr. J. Will East, our hustling, energetic, and progressive townsman. The store is all its name implies.

Mr. East is sole distributor for East's famous kidney pills, a strictly pure-food law remedy, made according to a famous recipe prescribed by experienced physicians for years. Mr. East wholesales and retails this famous medicine under a "money back guarantee" at the Golden Rule.

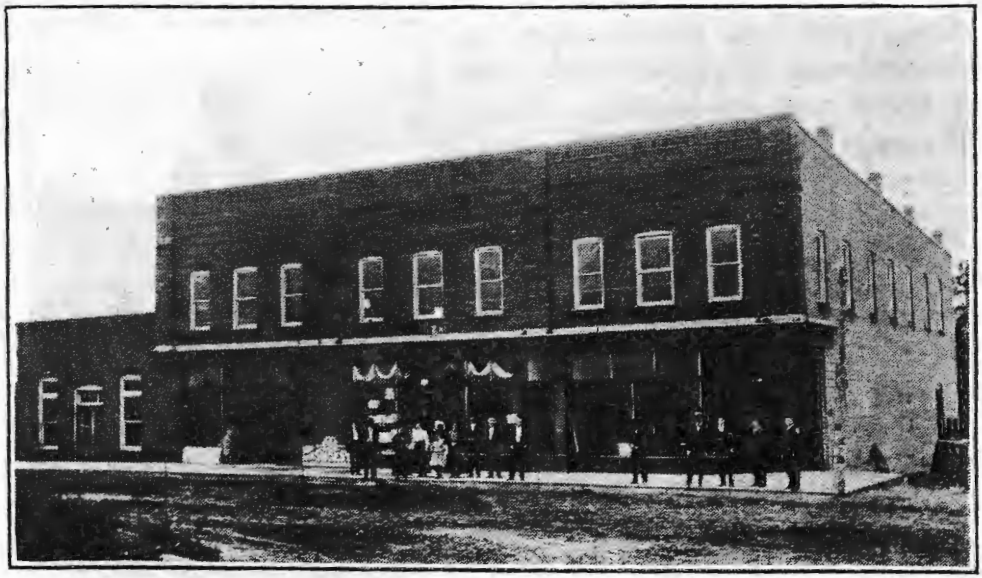
Mr. East is a valuable asset to the citizenship of our town. He believes there is no better town on the map than this one, and a few minutes talk with him would convince the most doubtful that he is right.

STOKES HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY

The Stokes Hardware and Furniture Company is operated by Messrs. J. R. Voss and R. L. Vaughn. Both of these are good business men. This is told by the great volume of business they do. Mr. Voss was formerly postmaster at this place.

The line of goods in this establishment is complete. Everything for the farm and home is to be found here.

Messrs. Voss and Vaughn are live, active young men of the progressive type. They are enthusiastic workers for the upbuilding of our town and contribute much to the value of our citizenship. No better business men are to be found here. They are popular with the trade, enjoy a large patronage and give a square deal to all.



HOME OF STOKES HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY
THE "GOLDEN RULE," SATURDAY NEWS, DR. CRITZ'S OFFICE

R. G. TUTTLE, M. D.

Small in stature, but large in his profession, Dr. R. G. Tuttle is making for himself an enviable record as a practitioner. While yet young, and having been in his profession only four years, he has a large practice, built up by his skill as a physician and surgeon.

Dr. Tuttle received his preliminary education in such secondary schools as Mountain View Institute and Yadkin Valley Institute. After graduating from these he entered North Carolina Medical College at Charlotte in September, 1905, from which he was graduated in April, 1909. His record as a student was fine. He passed two State Boards of Medical Examiners immediately after his graduation. He holds a license issued by the Medical

Examiners of Georgia, before whom he passed an examination, as well as a license from the State Board of North Carolina.

When Mr. Tuttle was ready to locate for the practice of his profession he, like other young men in various lines of work, saw a fine opening at Walnut Cove. He came here in July, 1909, and began the practice of medicine. His grasp on the confidence of our people is strong. It can be accounted for only by his record as a physician and the skill he shows in his practice.

Dr. Tuttle is possessed with a most charitable spirit. In addition to the charitable practice all good physicians have to do, we find him liberal in the social, religious and business life of the community. Holding a prominent standing in the Baptist church, as he does, he is a splendid worker and cares for its interest.

When the genuine man is looked for, and when one knows the subject of this sketch, no more jovial, good-natured citizen can be found anywhere than Dr. Reuben Tuttle.

MR. R. F. REYNOLDS

Mr. R. F. Reynolds, the live and hustling editor of the Saturday News, came to Walnut Cove two years ago and established his paper. Previous to that time he ran the same paper in North Wilkesboro and later in Dobson. Seeing a good opening here, he removed his paper to this point, where he has met with success.

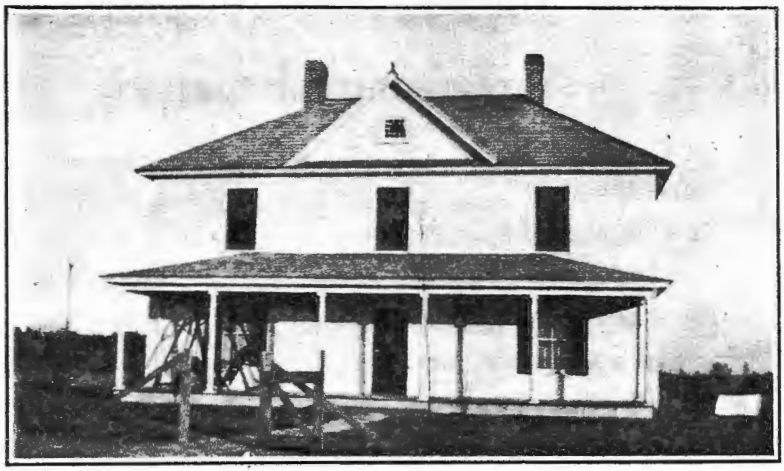
Editor Reynolds is a good newspaper man. He publishes a live, newsy little sheet that has met with the approval of our people, as is told by the fact that his subscription list is constantly growing. He is a close observer and a pointed writer. Through his medium, he reaches a great number of people with his high ideals and "preaching" for progress.

Mr. Reynolds is alive to the needs of our town and county and wields his pen to the execution of many worthy editorials bearing on the permanent improvement of both. Having been a newspaper man

practically all his life, he is fully conversant with the proper method of handling delicate subjects, and consequently he is able to express his views of things in a way that is readable to partisan and non-partisan alike.

Mr. Reynolds is a citizen who helps move things by his own personal solicitations. Nothing bearing on public improvements escapes his notice. With all this, he is not a man to push himself forward if there is another who is equal to the occasion as well as he.

We are always glad to welcome good men like the Editor. We need more "preaching," teaching and acting.



BEAUTIFUL HOME OF MR. J. W. LACKEY,
One of our Best and Most Active Citizens

The subject of this sketch, Mr. T. J. Covington, initiated the movement to have this book published, and has completed it. He was attracted to this place last spring because of the opportunity to engage in the automobile business. He will open a garage in the early spring and will be prepared to take care of the automobile trade in every particular. In addition to this, he is entering the lumber business and catering especially to that part of the trade necessary to supply hogshead material for leaf tobacco.

Mr. Covington was principal of Trinity High School the two years prior to his coming here, after his graduation from college. He is a meritorious young man, possessed with enough public spirit to support anything that bears on public and permanent improvements and enterprises. He will cheerfully furnish any information in regard to this town or county to any man or set of men looking for a good location.

Facts About Stokes County as an Agricultural County

Population,	20,151
Number of Farms,	3,357
Land Area in Farms, Acres,	274,209
Per Cent of Land in Farms,	89.3
Average Acres per Farm,	81.7
Value of Farm Property,	$5,629,987
Per Cent Increase in 10 Years,	**90.5**
Land, per Acre,	$12.17
Per Cent of Increase in 10 years,	**56**
Value of all Farm Crops,	$1,672,000
Number Pounds Tobacco Yearly,	10,000,000

Had you ever thought of the wonderful opportunity now existing for a large stock farm in this county? Every year thousands of dollars are spent for horses, mules and cattle of all kinds by our people to dealers out of the county. We have hundreds of acres of undeveloped lands that could be converted into profitable grain and pasture farms. The demand for a general stock farm is here. All we need is a man with a little capital to get behind it.

Stokes county produces yearly about 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco. In this day of high prices it would be well for those interested in growing the crop to come to this the finest of all tobacco regions in Piedmont Carolina. Many of our tobacco farms pay for themselves in one year. A splendid market is at your door in Walnut Cove.

The possibilities for growing small grain, grasses and vegetables here have never been realized. These products of the soil grow here as well as anywhere.

Many a barren hillside and mountain-side lies idle, in an unfruitful state, that could be made a "prolific land of gold" by planting commercial orchards. Our fruits have an excellent flavor. What we need is more of them.

Did you know that our mountains are the finest places for summer homes in the world? Good roads are being built to them. Land is cheap. Come live with us in the finest climate, among the best people on earth.

The need for an electric railway from Walnut Cove via Danbury, and our popular resorts to Stuart, Va., is most urgent. There is enough local power on Dan River to support the line. The wise investor or capitalist should come here and investigate for himself.

DR. W. C. SLATE

SHERIFF OF STOKES COUNTY

We show on the first page of the county's section of this publication Stokes County's popular and efficient Sheriff, Dr. W. C. Slate. He is one of our county's young men who has made good, as is evidenced by the fact that he holds the first office of the county.

Dr. Slate prepared himself for the practice of medicine. He received his medical education at the North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte, N. C., and at the University of Tennessee. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1903, and secured license for the practice of medicine in the same year. He returned to his native county and engaged in his profession for five years, during which time he built up a wonderfully strong practice. In the fall of 1908 he loomed up as the most prospective

candidate for Register of Deeds of this county in the Republican party. He served in this capacity for four years, having been twice elected to the same office.

In the fall of 1913 Dr. Slate entered the race for nomination for sheriff on his party's ticket. He was as successful in this undertaking as in previous years when he offered himself for Register of Deeds, and was elected sheriff of this county. He is now serving his first term in this office. He has already shown himself equal to the great responsibility that rests upon him and is adding dignity to his office by performing all duties creditably to himself and to both parties alike. He shows himself to be as strong with his fingers on the pulse of law-breakers as he was with them on the pulse of his patient.

Dr. Slate is one of our best business men. Along with that he is likewise one of our best citizens. He is in sympathy with every progressive move our county makes or tries to make. He is not a narrow politician of the selfish type that so often hampers the progress of a community, but is broad and liberal-minded in his views, conscientious in his beliefs, and consecrated to our county's best interests.

JOHN G. MOREFIELD

REGISTER OF DEEDS, STOKES COUNTY

There is no young man better known to the citizenship of this county than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Morefield, now in the prime of life, is a native of this county who bids fair to become a leader in industrial, civic and social progress. In the fall of 1912 he entered the race for the nomination of Register of Deeds on the Republican ticket. Notwithstanding the fact that he had strong opponents aspiring for the same honor, he was nominated for the office and elected by a large majority. He has served the office creditably.

Mr. Morefield is a public spirited citizen, who is willing to support anything that spells progress for the county. He is possessed with that happy spirit that makes and holds friends, and his grasp on the voters of his party is told by their strong support.

THE DANBURY REPORTER

PFPPER BROS. EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS

The Danbury Reporter is one of the oldest weekly newspapers in this section of the State. It was founded in 1872 by Dr. John Pepper, the grandfather of the present owners. After his death it was continued by his son. It has been under the present management for fifteen years.

The success of this paper has been marvelous. It was begun under trying circumstancs when the ideals of the people were much lower than now. By giving a clean, newsy sheet which advocated principles upon which the stability of a people rests; by furnishing its readers as much State and national news as is found in any weekly, and by fair and square dealings with its patronage the paper has reached a high mark in point of circulation, being at the present time about 4,000.

The greater part of the success of the publication must be attributed to the present management. By hard persistent and consistent work for better schools, roads, home-life, industrial and social conditions, the present editors have seen all these things come about. For these we must attribute to them in no little degree because of their faithful and conscientious efforts. No more consecrated workers can be found anywhere than Messrs. N. E. and E. P. Pepper. They are young men of the finest type, with high ideals, strong in the business world, doing a great work through a great medium.

N. O. PETREE

Attorney N. O. Petree is the most prominent Republican in the county. He has been connected with the politics of the county for twenty-five years. For sixteen years he was Clerk of the Court of this county. He has been Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee for years. At present he is councellor for the leading institutions in the county including the Bank of Stokes County, Farmer's Union Bank and Trust Company, Stokes County Union Warehouse Company, and all the county officers. Mr. Petree is recognized as a man of fine legal ability and personal integrity of character. His splendid business intelligence and careful attention to the affairs of his clients have raised him to a prominent place among the citizens of the county.

Mr. Petree had a bright political future but he gave up politics for a strictly legal career in which he has met with marked success.

Mr. Petree is in line with the progress his county is making. He is a staunch supporter of all that makes for the best interest of the county. He is a good church worker, is Superintendent of his Sunday School, and has been President of the County Sunday School Association,

HOME OF MR. N. O. PETREE

Hon. J. W. Hall is a young attorney of Danbury. He has been a resident there for six years. During this time he has had a successful practice. His prompt attention to business entrusted and his keen legal ability have placed him in the confidence of the people, as is proven by the fact that he has appeared in some of the biggest and most important cases since he has been in the profession.

Mr. Hall was educated at Wake Forest College. He received his license from the State Board of Examiners in 1907.

In the fall of 1912 the Republican party of the Senatorial District of Stokes and Surry Counties nominated Mr. Hall for State Senator without his solicitation. He was elected over his competitor by a majority of 847 votes. His greatest work in the General Assembly was to champion the good roads cause for the counties in his district. He safely piloted a bill through for permanent highways in the face of opposition.

Senator Hall has a bright future, either in a political or legal career.

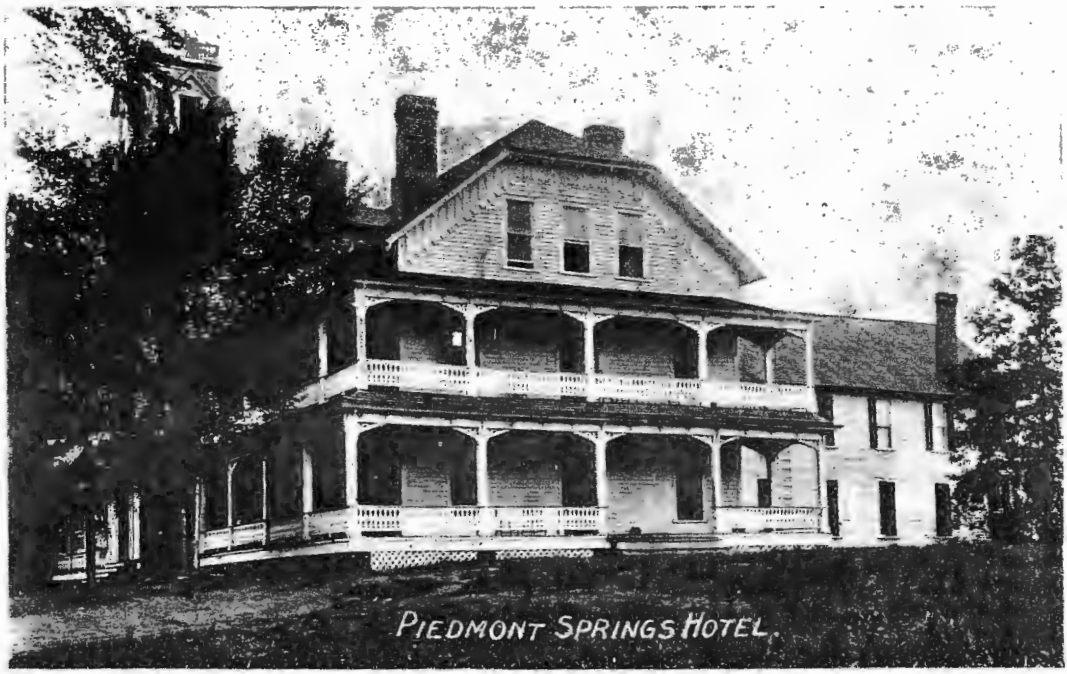
Mr. Geo. W. Neal is a man of prominent standing in the affairs of our county. He holds the place of County Treasurer, a position that carries with it responsibility and trust. He was elected by the Republican party in 1910 and has held the office continuously since.

Mr. Neal is a successful merchant and farmer. He carries a general line of merchandise and has a splendid trade.

Mr. Neal is an alert man, who contributes much to the county's welfare. He numbers his friends by the hundreds, who support him in his political aspirations, and he in turn supports their needs along the lines of permanent institutions and improvements.

STORE AND HOME OF MR. NEAL, AT CAMPBELL

PIEDMONT SPRINGS



PIEDMONT SPRINGS HOTEL.

CASCADE FALLS, STOKES COUNTY

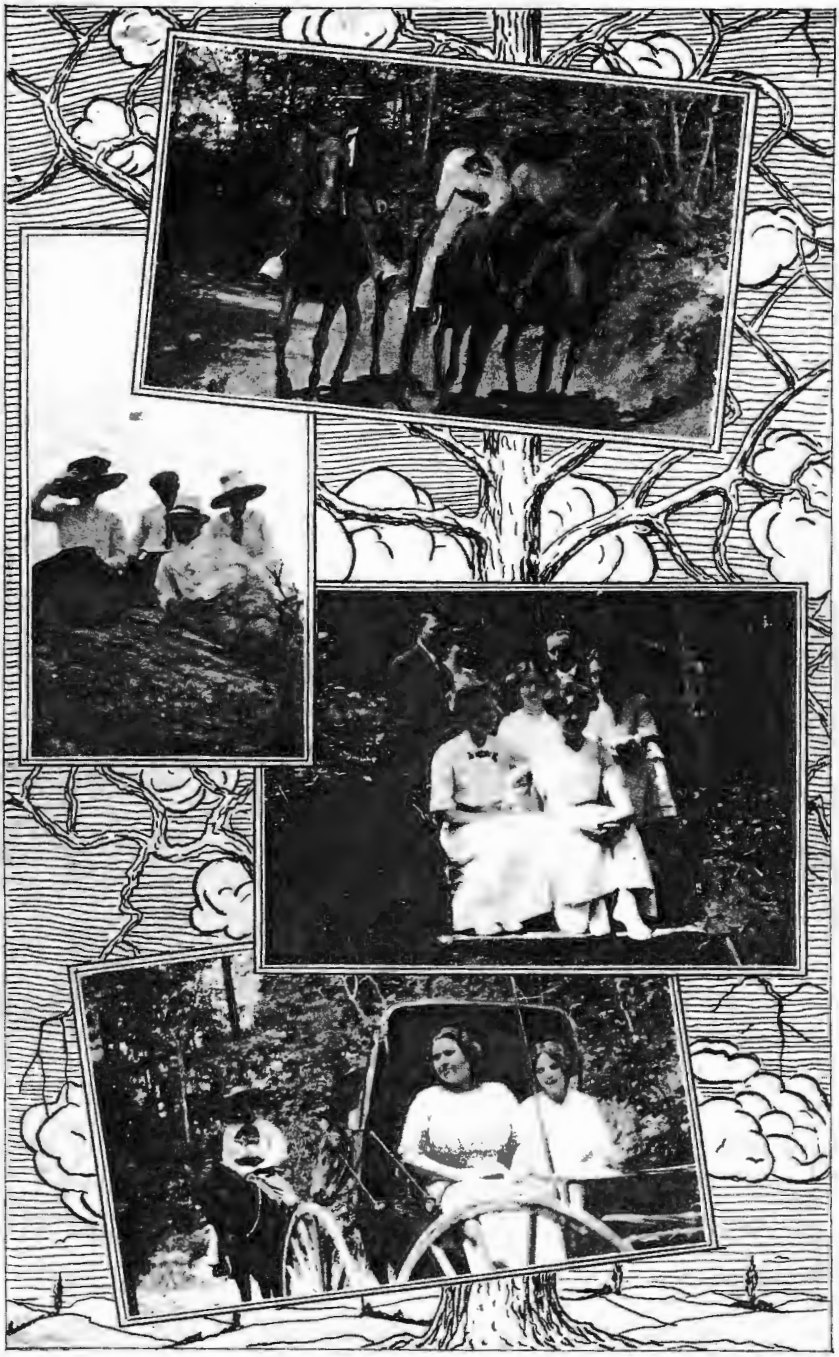
Piedmont Springs is in the mountains of this county, near Danbury, the county seat, twelve miles from Walnut Cove, the nearest railroad station. Quick transportation is furnished from Walnut Cove by means of automobiles over a new top-soil road through a beautifully scenic country.

The hotel is modern in every respect and has a capacity of 250 guests. It is taxed to its fullest capacity during the summer season by hundreds of health and pleasure seekers. Rates are reasonable, ranging from $8.50 to $15.00 per week.

SCENE ON DAN RIVER NEAR PIEDMONT SPRINGS.

The curative qualities of Piedmont water are excellent. The proprietors are able to furnish an endless array of testimonials from people who have been permanently cured of weak and debilitated constitutions, stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and nervous affections.

Piedmont Springs is owned and operated by Messrs. Pepper Bros., who will gladly furnish any information by addressing them at Danbury, or Piedmont Springs.



SCENES OF LIFE AT PIEDMONT

Dr. J. W. Neal is possibly the most prominent business man in Stokes County No other man in the county controls as large amount of business as he. He is a practitioner of medicine by profession and a banker and farmer in business. He was educated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, and began the practice of medicine in 1888. He probably has the greatest territory to cover in his practice of any physician in the county.

Dr. Neal's business interests are many and varied. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Stokes County, the First National Bank of Monroe, Bank of Union County, Savings, Loan & Trust Company of Union County, Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Winston-Salem, Rockingham Savings Bank & Trust Company of Reidsville, and the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro. He holds different places in the above named institutions, the most important of which is Vice President of the Bank of Stokes County. In addition to this he is the second largest landholder in the county and the largest tobacco grower.

Dr. Neal is County Superintendent of Health for this county. His work in this respect is most satisfactory. He is, furthermore, a prominent Democrat, holding at present the Chairmanship of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county.

Dr. Neal is a prominent private citizen. No more energetic, active, constructive man can be found anywhere than he.

HOME OF DR. NEAL, SOON TO BE ERECTED IN WALNUT COVE

Dr. J. H. Ellington is a prominent physician of Sandy Ridge, He has been a resident of this county forty years. During this time he has commanded a large and lucrative practice of medicine. He received his medical training at Washington University, Baltimore.

Dr. Ellington enjoys a prominent standing in the Democratic party. For six years he was Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county. He served his party loyally and faithfully. What he did he did well. He is an enthusiastic worker and a genuine Democrat, with sound convictions and firm beliefs.

Dr. Ellington has been, and is yet, one of our most valuable assets to citizenship. He has seen the dawn of a better day in our county. For this condition he has worked faithfully many years. Nothing daunts him yet when it comes to public-spirited work. He is just as eager to see our county progress as he ever was, and lends his influonce in that direction. Constructive in his views and progressive in his acts, he is an invaluable man, doing his fellows an unspeakable amount of good.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME OF DR. J. H. ELLINGTON,
SANDY RIDGE, N. C.

Mr. Ollie M. Bennett is the junior member of the firm of W. R. Bennett & Son, merchants, of Lawsonville. He has been a resident of this county all his life and is well known as a man of honest, upright character and business ability. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Union Bank & Trust Company and other notable enterprises in the county.

Mr. Bennett is well known in the rural sections as an educator, having taught in the schools of the county several years. No one knows the needs of the public schools better than he. He is a staunch friend to education, as is evidenced by the fact that he has contributed quite a little toward the improvement of our school facilities.

Mr. R. F. Shelton, who lives near Moore's Springs, has been closely identified with almost every step of progress our county has made for years. He has been County Commissioner for several terms. During his terms of office the first steel bridges our county had were erected across the Dan River. He levied the first special tax for the support of the public schools and has been a staunch supporter of better school facilities all his life. He is a teacher himself and is well acquainted with the needs of our school system.

Mr. Shelton is a first-rate man in every respect. His record is one to be proud of. Optimistic and fearless, he stands for right and justice in the face of difficulties and opposition.

Mr. J. S. Joyce resides in the prosperous community of Sandy Ridge and enjoys his share of the prosperity. He is a general merchant and lumber dealer. In both of these lines he has made a success. This is due, no doubt, in part to his popularity in the community. He is a large stockholder in the Bank of Rockingham.

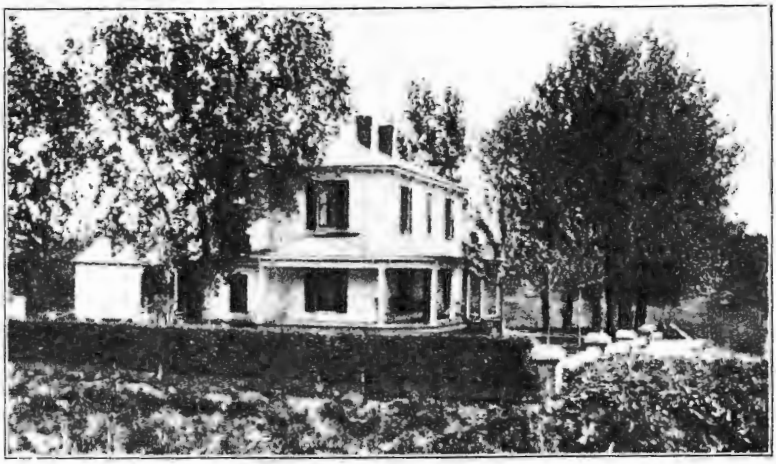
Mr. Joyce is a prominent member of his community. He takes an active part in community work and pays no little attention to the best interests of all his fellows alike

Mr. Joe Ham Martin is a substantial, influential citizen of Sandy Ridge. He is a strong "Union" man and has stock in several "Union" enterprises including the Farmers' Union Bank & Trust Company of Walnut Cove.

Mr. Martin stands well in his community. He is a faithful member of the Baptist church and has served his church in the capacity of clerk for eleven years. He believes in supporting everything that makes for the best interests of a community. We class him as a private citizen of the best type.

Mr. J. F. Duncan is a well known citizen of Prestonville. He owns and operates a general store at that place. For fifteen years he was postmaster there before the advent of the R. F. D. His close attention to business has placed him in easy circumstances. He is one of our most loyal and enterprising citizens. His standing in his community is beyond reproach.

Mr. E. Carr Gann is one of the most promising young men in the county. He has already engaged in public school work and is making a splendid record. He is one of that type that grows into the best and most influential citizens. He is loyal to his church, a teacher in his Sunday School, and identifies himself with every good cause. Mr. Gann has a bright future before him.



Beautiful home of Mr. R. T. Beck, of Germanton, who is the only Registered Druggist in the county, the 33rd Registered Druggist in the State. Mr. Beck is a member of the firm of R. T. Beck & Co,, who carry a complete line of Hardware, Drugs, Agricultural Implements, and Mills. His partner is Mr Geo. W. Chaffin. Both of these men are splendid citizens and promoters of the best interests of their community.

THE CHAFFIN HOME, GERMANTON

THE HOME OF THE TRAVELER

JOHN W. KURFEES

Mr. John W. Kurfees, whose home is at Germanton, is one of our most energetic and industrious citizens. He is a traveling salesman for the Kurfees Paint Company and is directly engaged in the hardware business. He owns the Kurfees Hardware Company of Germanton and has stock in the Bank of Stokes County. In business he is strong and successful.

Mr. Kurfees is a community leader. His prominence is known beyond his home as a promoter of community activities. He was for a long time President of Germanton Academy, and is now a member of the Board of Directors. He was a leading spirit in the establishment of Germanton High School. When the bond question for permanent highways was confronting the people of our county, he showed himself a leader in the cause and labored hard as President of the Good Roads Association.

W. R. PETREE

Mr. W. R. Petree resides near Germanton in one of the best agricultual sections of the county. He is a large landholder and an up-to-the-minute farmer.

As an ideal citizen, Mr. Petree is a model. He comes from the celebrated Petree family known throughout this section for its honesty, piety, and good citizenship. Alive to the progress of the times, he is an ardent worker for all that pertains to bettering humanity.

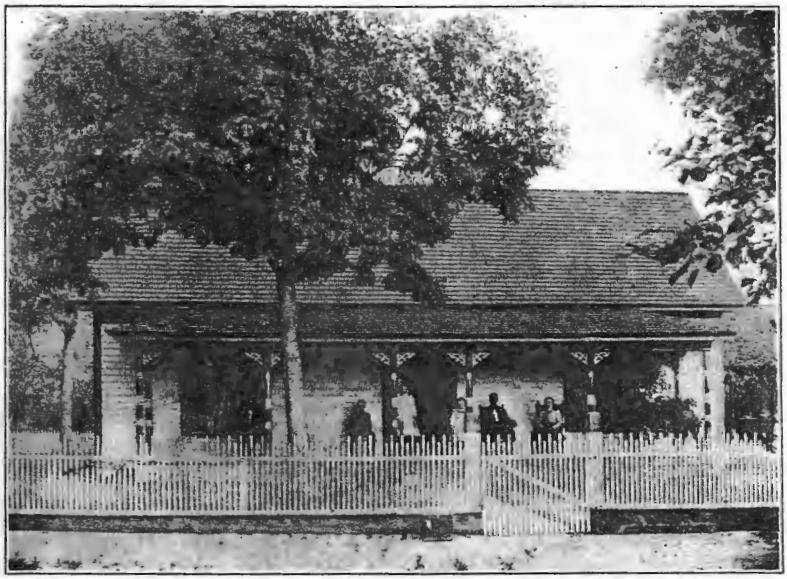
As a business man, Mr. Petree has shown himself practical in every respect. While yet quite young, he is a retired successful merchant. His business-like attitude won for him a place on the permanent highway commission in his township.

MR. J. H. HAM

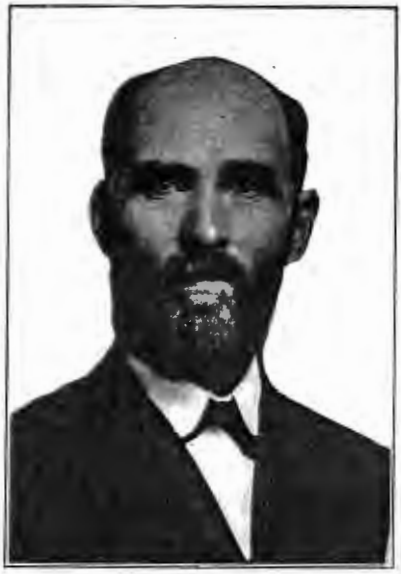
Mr. J. H. Ham, who lives near Dalton, has been a citizen of this county for thirty-eight years. He was raised in Guilford County, and prior to his coming here he was with the Odell Hardware Company of Greensboro.

Mr. Ham has made us a valuable citizen. He believes in promoting and supporting all that pertains to the building of better rural conditions, better morals, and better citizens. He is a faithful member of the Methodist church, in which he is Steward, and a good Sunday School man.

Mr. Ham has had no little degree of success. He is a very substantial man, brought about by close attention to business and honest work, both of which he deems essential to a successful life.



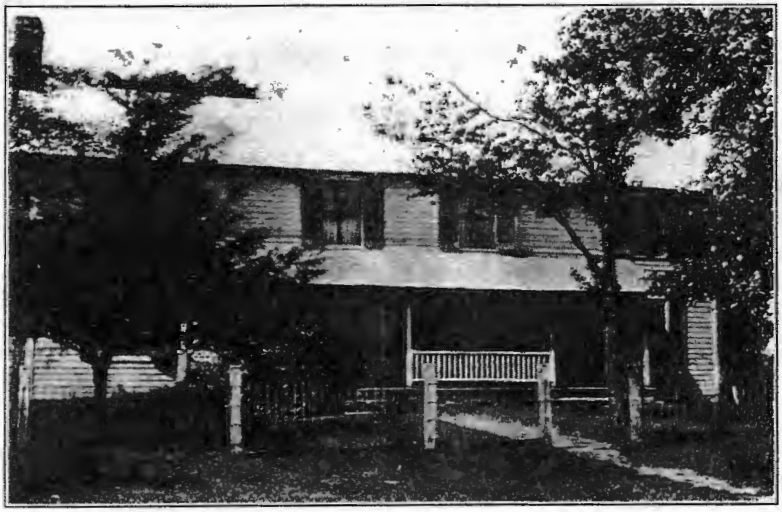
MR. HAM'S RESIDENCE



Rev. P. Oliver is one of our county's landmarks in citizenship. We have some hesitancy in trying to present a proper selection on the life of this man of God. He has been an ordained Missionary Baptist minister for half a century. This entire length of time is a continuous story of a consecrated life devoted to the work of the Lord. He has been instrumental in the erection of seven churches. About five hundred people have been baptised into the church by him. He has performed an equal number of marriage ceremonies and has preached approximately the same number of funerals. But these facts do not estimate the worth of his work. His influence has been felt where numbers will not estimate it. His own daily Christian life has been seen by thousands who have been influenced by it.

Aside from his ministerial life, Rev. Oliver has been a successful business man. His methods of business are such as become a man of his caliber.

Words are not at command and would be inadequate to express our opinion, love and admiration for this man. To tell the worth of his life would require a whole volume within itself. In the declining years of his already long life, suffice it to say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"



"PLEASANT RETREAT," REV. OLIVER'S HOME.

I. D. BARR

Mr. I. D. Barr belongs to that class of substantial citizenship that forms the durable community. His views are sound and constructive along all lines pertaining to the welfare of a people. He was a staunch supporter of Mountain View Institute when it was operated as a private high school and is an equally strong supporter of public schools for the better cultivation of the masses.

Mr. Barr has had his share of his community's prosperity. He is comfortably situated in every respect. A good man like him is too valuable to his community to try to estimate his worth.

MR. M. D. HAM

Mr. M. D. Ham, of Dalton, belongs to that class of good citizens who form the vitality of a community and make it stable. He is a substantial man, made so by honest, consistent effort.

Mr. Ham stands well in his community. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, to which he is loyal in all instances. He is a splendid neighbor, a liberal contributor to good causes, and an excellent citizen.

MR. W. A. PETREE

Mr. W. A. Petree is prominently identified with the business of the county and with public affairs in the county and State. He is a farmer of the most modern type, and an agricultural lecturer of State-wide reputation. He is connected with the State Department of Agriculture as lecturer on certain topics in Farmers' Institutes, and is connected with the National Department of Agriculture as County Demonstrator. Under his supervision some men in the county have made 100 bushels of corn per acre.

Mr. Petree owns a part of a large sugar plantation in Mexico.

A lecturer of note, a farmer of brains, a demonstrator of value, and a Christian gentleman, Mr. Petree is one of the best citizens our county affords.

FIELD OF TOBACCO ON MR. PETREE'S FARM

MR. E. F. STONE

Mr. E. F. Stone, of Pinnacle, is one of the best citizens in his town and in the county. He is in civil service work.

Mr. Stone has had an opportunity to do much for the cause of good roads and better rural conditions. Along these lines he has worked with a constancy of purpose that shows he is a valuable man and adds much to the worth of his community. He

has a prominent standing, is well known, and is popular throughout his acquaintance.

His beautiful home, shown on this page, is testimony of the fact that he believes in the best surroundings possible.

MR. T. O. WATSON

Mr. T. O. Watson is a well known merchant of Pinnacle.

He had previously been a traveling salesman, but is now engaged in business for himself. In his community he is recognized as a leader, and his distinctiveness there places a great deal of responsibility on him in matters of education and church work. He is a noted Sunday School worker and speaker.

Mr. Watson owns and controls a large farm. Possessed with that larger spirit that pervades all citizens of his type, he is willing to sell some of it to first class people. Mr. Watson is in that class of desirable citizens that wishes to see the country hum with advancement in every particular.

MR. J. A. BOWLES

Mr. J. A. Bowles is a leading figure in the affairs of his town and county. He is a successful merchant of Pinnacle, a town in the southwest part of the county. Although he has been in business there only a few months, still he has built up a strong patronage, carrying as he does a complete line of merchandise that pleases his customers. He is a large farmer in addition to his other business.

When his town was considering the question of a better school and better facilities, Mr. Bowles was found in the front ranks. He believes in building a strong, progressive citizenship. To this end he is an untiring worker.

T. M. LAWSON

Mr. T. M. Lawson, whose home is near Volunteer, is a progressive business man. He has engaged in various kinds of business, including merchandising, the manufacture of tobacco, and the fertilizer business. He is one of the largest landholders in the county and is a successful farmer.

Mr. Lawson has been identified with every step of progress made in his community for several years. He has a wide acquaintance and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

In I910 Mr. Lawson was elected on the Board of County Commissioners. He worked for the interests of all the people as best he could. Quite a number of permanent improvements were made in the way of bridges. He has been a prominent figure in the Republican party some time.

Mr. Lawson is comfortably surrounded. We were unable to get a picture of his country home, but its air shows that the idea of convenience and comfort prompts him in whatever he does. His large farm is one of the best anywhere, and the continual activity on it shows that he is a modern farmer.

DR. J. J. LEAK

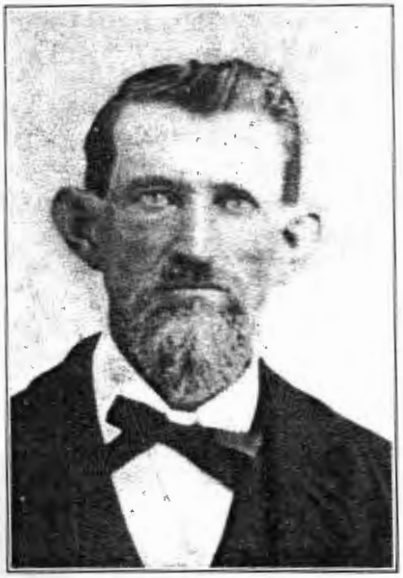
Dr. J. J. Leak lives at Asbury. He is a practicing physician and has a high standing in his profession. He was graduated from the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va., in 1901. He has been a practitioner since that time, and has had a wonderfully lucrative and successful practice.

Dr. Leak is a man of no minor importance in the industrial activity of the county. He is behind some of our strongest enterprises. He is President of the Union Mills Company, a stockholder in the Farmers' Union Bank and Trust Company, and in the Union dry prizeries. He is a keen business man and succeeds in whatever he attempts.

Dr. Leak is a promoter and staunch supporter of all that spells progress. He is too valuable to attempt to estimate his worth.

We are unfortunate in not being able to secure a cut of Dr. Leak's beautiful home.

MR. J. P. COVINGTON



In attempting to present the life and character of Mr. J. P. Covington, we hesitate lest we should fail to make the proper expressions. He, along with many of our older citizens of his type, has a record for himself. His has ever been a life of toil for better conditions in his community and among his fellows everywhere. He has seen the life of his community change for the better more than once. He believes in providing adequate means for the training of people for better citizens. He is a most liberal supporter of churches and Sunday Schools. He has been the leading spirit in founding two churches, one of which he practically built himself. He has for years been superintendent of his Sunday School and lends every possible aid to the advancement of this work.

In business, Mr. Covington has had a steady success. As a result he is one of our most substantial citizens. Although old enough to be retired, he still manages his large farm, which is one of the best in the county.

Mr. Covington has been the nominee of the Democratic party for various offices in this county. He has been elected several times as County Surveyor and is well known on almost every farm in the county in that capacity, having surveyed more of them than any other man.

Mr. Covington is one of the "Boys of Sixty-five," that gallant set of youths who were called out during the struggle between the states to train for service in the Southern army. The spirit of service shown in him then has never died, but has grown as he advanced in years. Service to his community and to his fellow man is his leading characteristic. No honest man pleading an honest cause has ever been denied by him where it lay in his power to aid him. Quiet and unassuming, he has not sought recognition, but his own life has brought it to him and justly so.

MR. S. P. CHRISTIAN

In politics, a Democrat. In religion, a Baptist. In both, a good man. The subject of this sketch, Mr. S. P. Christian of Westfield, is the strongest Democrat in the county. His party has seen fit to call on him three times to run for the office of sheriff and each time he has led the ticket by many votes. One time he was defeated by his opponent by only 74 votes, which was the nearest Democratic victory in this county for twenty years. He is popular everywhere and a friend to all the people. A man like him cannot be overcome. He will yet hold the office of first importance in this county in a not far distant day.

Mr. Christian is a member of the County Board of Education.

In business, Mr. Christian is a farmer and merchant. In the world he is a big-hearted, steady, constructive man, possessed with honor and integrity.

MR. DARIAN COLLINS

Mr. Darian Collins, whose home is near the historic Rockhouse, is a prominent man in his community. He is a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church and devotes much of his time to this work. He has a high standing in his denomination everywhere and is respected by all who know him.

Mr. Collins is a good citizen, loyal and fearless. His is a record of honest toil for better rural conditions and more progress in all lines.

MR. J. C. FRANS

Mr. J. C. Frans, of Big Creek, is a a prominent "Union" man and Democrat. He has been the nominee of the Democratic party for commissioner and county treasurer several times. He is popular with all the people who know him, a friend to everybody, and will yet hold an office through the efforts of his supporters.

Mr. Frans is prominent in the industrial activities of the country. He is secretary and treasurer of the Big Creek Telephone Company, a director in the Union Mills, and a stockholder in the Farmer's Union Bank & Trust Company. In personal business, he is a merchant.

Mr. Frans has been identified with every progressive movement our county has made for years. He is a man of the indispensible type, who leads his community.

Mr. L. W. McKinney is a prosperous and promising young man, of Gap. He has converted what was formerly an unvaluable boundary of land into a productive, well producing farm. He was formerly a merchant, but gave up that business to take advantage of the excellent opportunities offered in tobacco culture.

Mr. McKinney is a splendid citizen and creates sunshine wherever he goes with a happy smile and his violin.

Rev. R. W. George

Rev. R. W. George is the wealthiest man in the County and is probably the greatest benefactor. He is a Presbyterian minister and in his ministerial work he has been instrumental in building several churches, some of which he practically built by himself.

Mr. George is prominently identified with the industrial and educational activity of the county as well as with the religious. He operates several flour mills, saw mills, and is probobly the most extensive farmer in the county.

Beneficent, philanthaopic, and activity, Mr. George is a valuable citizen doing an invaluable work.

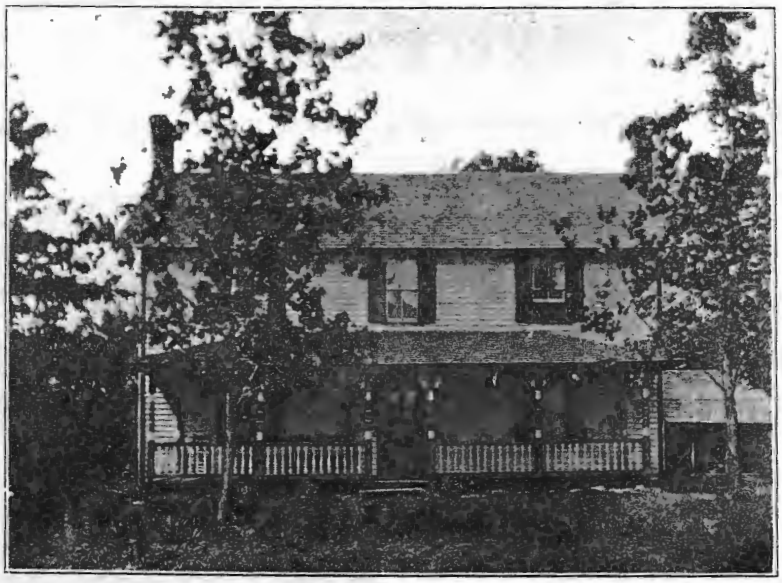
Mr. John W. Burrell

Mr. John W. Burrell is a prosperous general merchant and farmer of Gap. In addition to his own store, he is a large stockholder in the Stokes Supply Company of King. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Union Bank and Trust Company and in the Union Warehouse.

Mr. Burrell is an influential citizen. He is a strong member of the Farmers' Union and is popular with his fellows everywhere.

Mr. J. P. Slawter, who lives in the Rockhouse community, is one of our best, most substantial, hard-working citizens. He is a worker in all lines—in the church, in his community, and in public affairs. He is alive to the needs of the times and anything he can contribute to such needs does not escape his attention.

Mr. Slawter owns the finest tobacco farm in all his section. He made record sales on his 1912 crop. From two and one-half acres of land he produced $1400.00 worth of fine tobacco, an average of 48 cents per pound. The net sales from his farm amounted to $5,560.00. This is a record of which Mr. Slawter should be justly proud. It shows what energy coupled with brains can do.



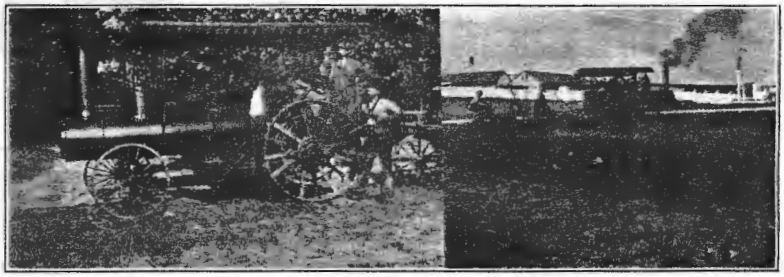
BEAUTIFUL HOME OF MR. SLAWTER

MR. T. J. THORE

Mr. T. J. Thore, who lives at the old Rockhouse, is one of our best business men. His principal business is milling, farming, merchandising, and selling all kinds of machinery. He sells the celebrated Frick machinery, and is trying to convince the farmers of the necessity of modern implements. The pictures on this page show what may be done with the traction engine in this county. One picture shows him crossing the Sauratown Mountain and the other shows the practical use of the engine on farms.

Mr. Thore is a leading spirit in his community. He advocates and promotes everything that pertains to the good of the people both in a public and a private way.

The historic Rockhouse shown on this page is owned by Mr. Thore. It attracts hundreds of visitors each year to see its massive walls, durability of construction, and antique appearance.



THE OLD ROCKHOUSE

Mr. R. J. Petree

Mr. R. J. Petree is a prominent mnn ia the affairs of the county. He was Sheriff for two terms and has been a member of the Legislature from this ɔounty five times.

Sheriff Petree is a man of wealth and standing. He is, furthermore, a promoter and supporter of all that pertains to the permanent good. He is a prominent memcer of the Christian church, a good Sunday School man; and withal a Christian gentleman.

Mr. G. Wilson Priddy

Mr. G. Wilson Priddy is well known throughout our county as one of its best citizens. He has had some connection with the affairs of the county in the capacity of Coroner and Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Priddy believes in making the most out of things around him. He has the growing spirit which makes him active in the affairs of his community. He desires to see it grow and become more progressive. He owns a fine mineral spring and a splendid Mica mine, both of which he would sell at a reasonable price to the proper buyer.

MR. W. G. SLATE

W. G. Slate is a pioneer settler in the Mizpah community, a pioneer in the industrial affairs of the county, and a landmark in the history of his community, He is a Confederate soldier. He enlisted among the first volunteers and served faithfully throughout the war between the States. After the war was over, he returned to his native county and settled in an undeveloped territory. The history of the community in which he lives centers around him. Here it was that he brought the first circular saw mill and planing machine into the county, established the first roller mill in his community, known today as the Quaker Mills, and operated a general

store. He is a large stockholder in the Bank of Stokes County, the Farmers' Union Bank & Trust Company, and the Stokes Supply Company.

When it comes to church building, Slate is a benefactor. He practically built two himself, and has contributed to all churches of all denominations. He is a Baptist and served his church as deacon for years.

Mr. Slate was building supervisor of the new county court house in 1904. He served on the Pension Board for years and has been closely identified with the affairs of the county all his life.

Big hearted, liberal, constructive, and conservative, Mr. Slate has been a leading citizen known by everybody as a man of energy and wealth. He has aided in some way nearly every man in his community, has contributed freely to all undertakings of a public nature, and has done more for the uplift of his community and county than can be estimated in words or figures.

MR. D. V. CARROLL

One of the most genuine men of our county is Mr. D. V. Carroll, of Mizpah. He has been closely identified with every public improvement made here for years. Possibly no other man in the county has a wider acquaintance and a better grasp on the confidence of the people than Mr. Carroll. For eight years he was Register of Deeds for this county. At present he is a Member of the Legislature from this county, elected by the Republican party.

It is as a friend to education and rural progress that Mr. Carroll stands out most prominently. For years he has been a member of the Board of Directors of Mountain View Institute.

His worth as a citizen cannot be estimated. Suffice it to say that a more thorough Christian gentleman cannot be found anywhere than D. V. Carroll.

MR. I. G. GENTRY

One of the most energetic young men in all this country is Mr. I. G. Gentry, who comes from the well known Gentry family, noted for its honesty, piety and integrity. Mr. Gentry retains the excellent characterists of his ancestors.

Mr. Gentry is a prosperous young farmer. He believes in and practices intensive instead of extensive farming. As a result he is substantial. Modern ideas govern him in all his work.

As a quiet community worker, Mr. Gentry is splendid. He is a prominent member of his church, holding a place of first importance in it.

Mr. W. H. Slate

Mr. W. H. Slate, who resides in the thriving little village of Mizpah, otherwise known as Mountain View, is a good business man. He is a prosperous merchant, a good farmer, and a splendid citizen.

Mr. Slate has for some time been President of Mountain View Institute, the pioneer school of its kind in this county. He is a foremost citizen of our county and works for the interest of all that pertains to the best interests of his community.

Mr. J. W. Johnson

One of the most active and promising young men of our county is the subject of this sketch, Mr. J. W. Johnson. He is a foremost citizen in his community. Industrious and progressive, he lends a hand to every forward movement.

Mr. Johnson, resides in the rich agricultural section of King. As a farmer, he is prosperous, controlling a large tobacco farm from which he produces some of the finest tobaccos in his section.

Big hearted and liberal Mr. Johnson may be depended upon to carry his share of any community activity that may arise.

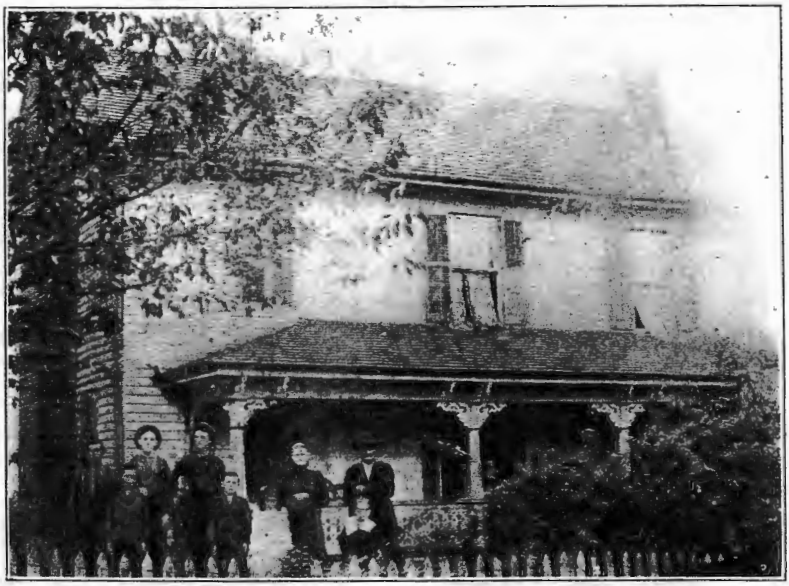
MR. F. E. PETREE

Mr. F. E. Petree is one of the best men our county affords. He is a farmer on a large scale and applies modern ideas to his methods. He owns a large tract of fertile, productive land near Mountain View.

Mr. Petree holds a prominent standing in our citizenship. His keen business ability is recognized by all who deal with him, and much trust is placed in him by all.

Mr. Petree is a genuine supporter of schools, roads, and all kinds of rural development. When the need for a county fair was felt, he supported it liberally and holds quite a little stock in the Stokes County Fair Association.

Mr. Petree is a member of the well known Petree family that has been so prominent in this county for years. He contributes much to the worth of our citizenship.



HOME OF MR. PETREE

MR. GEORGE LEWIS

The subject of this sketch is too well know to need anything said to place him before the people. For seven years Mr. George Lewis traveled throughout the tobacco section of Piedmont Carolina in the interest of sales houses in Winston and Greensboro. He is a large tobacco grower himself and knows how to make it pay, as is evidenced by his past success.

Our county authorities appointed Mr. Lewis a member of the permanent highway commission in his township. No more genuine good roads man can be found anywhere.

Mr. Lewis is a supporter of all that goes to make up a live rural community.

MR. C. H. LUNSFORD

Mr. C. H. Lunsford, an energetic business man, has contributed much to the industrial development of his county. He owns hundreds of acres of mountain land which, prior to his ownership, was a barren waste. He has installed a flouring mill and lumber plant, from which he gets a splendid business. In fact, whatever he has tried to do he has been successful with it.

MR. E. C. SHEPPARD

Mr. E. C. Sheppard, whose home is at Lawsonville, is a foremost citizen in his community and county. He is a strong business man. His business success is told by the steady climb he has made for 17 years. He began with a capital of $15.00 and now owns and controls a comfortable fortune. He is a merchant and lumber dealer.

Mr. Sheppard is of that type that doesn't hesitate to keep the needs of a community alive and active.

DR. A. J. PRINGLE

One of the best known citizens of Stokes County is Dr. A. J. Pringle, who for the past 38 years has been identified with the interests of his community, county and State. Dr. Pringle is a successful dentist, miller, and farmer. He is sole owner of a large roller mill, farm and equipments. He is recognized as being independent of other people's affairs and devotes his time exclusively to his own business. He is known as the pioneer of dental practice in the county, and the success of his work is told only by the record the man has made as a rural dental surgeon.

Dr. Pringle sought public office once, namely the lower House of Representatives. He was defeated by a small majority by his Republican opponent.

Mr. Jesse A. Lawson

Mr. Jesse A. Lawson, who resides in the prolific agricultural section of the county known as Lawsonville, is one of our most substantial and prominent business men. He is a merchant and farmer. In both these lines of business he is successful. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Stokes County and other business enterprises in the county.

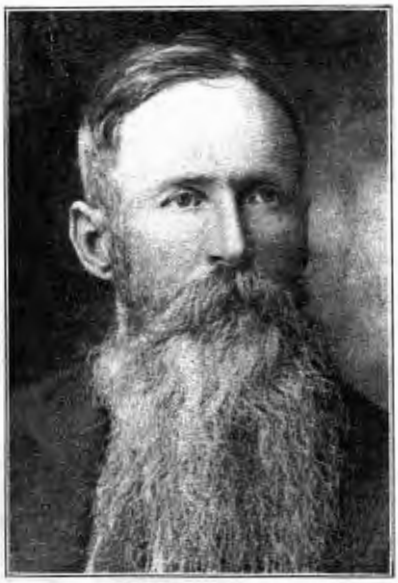
Mr. Lawson holds a prominent place in the Democratic party in this county. A true, loyal, hard worker, his party has seen in him good "timber" for responsible offices and he has been the nominee of his party for Commissioner.

Mr. Lawson is a large landholder, but is willing to sell some of it to first class citizens. None other would be acceptable on the part of Mr. Lawson because he is a citizen of the first type himself and would encourage no other class to come to this county.

Mr. H. H. Reid

Mr. H. H. Reid is well known to the citizenship of this county. He has been connected with public affairs for many years. He is a prominent Republican and has held many offices in that party including County Treasurer for four years.

Mr. Reid characterizes himself to us as a "Jack-of-all-trades," but his main business is farming. He is a good community man who seeks to know the best interests of his community and who promotes them with vigor. He is a splendid good roads man and although his township did not carry the bond election, still he is hopeful of a better day and is working to bring it about.



MR. JOHN MOREFIELD

Mr. John Morefield is a prominent citizen of the Campbell community. He has been successful in life as a mill man and farmer. He owns the best Mica mine in the county. It is not being developed on account of poor transportation facilities, but the output and quality of material are good enough to justify inspection from anyone who might be interested.

Mr. Morefield is a good community man and has much influence among his fellow.

MR. JOHN JULIUS PRIDDY

Mr. John Julius Priddy is best known to our citizenship as a politician. He is an active man in the Republican party. He has received as a reward an almost continuous term of office of some kind, ranging from Coroner through the Magistracies to Deputy Sheriff. He loses no time when the cause of his party calls for a champion.

Mr. Priddy is possessed with that expansive nature that makes him a good, active citizen. He would like to see his community grow larger along every line, and to this end he would sell a part of his large boundary of land to the right class of people who would develop it.

Mr. Alex Flinchum

Mr. Alex Flinchum is a large landholder and a modern, prosperous farmer. He resides in the rich agriculturial section of Red Shoals. By close attention to his business and hard persistent work, he has made himself substantial.

Mr. Fiinchum is a friend to all that pertains to the development of his county. His community looks upon him as a leader. In school affairs he is prominent as a committeeman.

Mr. Flinchum belongs to that class of honest, industrious citizenship that forms a strong community. He is alive to the public welfare and adds much to the worth of his community by working for its best interests.

MR. J. FRANK DUNLAP

Mr. J. Frank Dunlap is an all-round, useful, progressive, successful man. He is prominent in the Republican party in this county and has held several minor offices. He has been connected with the schools in the county for some time and strives for better facilities.

When it comes to an issue bearing on permanent improvements, Mr. Dunlap is found behind it giving his support in every way possible. He has a great deal of community pride and doesn't fail to cultivate it among his fellows.

MR. J. WILSON MITCHELL

Mr. J. Wilson Mitchell is a prominent citizen of Dillard. In business he is merchant, farmer, lumber dealer, and live stock dealer. He has enjoyed his share of prosperity in the business world.

Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat of the strongest convictions. He has been prominent in the Democratic party here for some time and was its nominee for Register of Deeds once.

Mr. Mitchell is a supporter of all kinds of rural developments. He inaugurated a movement for the first special tax school district in his community. He is at present a member of the County Board of Education.

Mr. C. T. Joyce

Mr. C. T. Joyce is a quiet, unassuming man possessed winh a most congenial, philanthropic nature. He has spent his life in his present community in a struggle for the betterment of his surroundings and his community. He is an honest "son of the soil" whohas made a success and enjoys a large estate around him, being one of the largest landholders in the community of Saxon where he lives.

He is not one of our "close" landholders whose only ambition is to make more money to buy more land, but believes in a community being made up of independent landholders no matter how small the amount. Consequently he has land for sale to the energetic, honest citizen who is determined to try to prosper.

Mr. Joyce is a faithful member of his church add is very liberal in the support of it. Not only is he liberal there, but in every field of philanthropic endeavor he cheerfully donates his part.

MR. ZEB V. MARTIN

Mr. Zeb. V. Martin is one of our most popular, progressive, and prosperous citizens. He owns and controls a splendid farm, on which he produces some of the finest tobaccos, grains and grasses grown in the county. He is an experimental farmer and applies modern scientific methods to cultivation. His experience is valuable to farmers surrounding him. He grows demonstration crops and thus disseminates his knowledge of successful crop growing to his fellows. He is a large stockholder in one of our leading banks, a prominent member of the Farmer's Union, and withal a popular citizen.

Mr. Martin is a leading member of his church and is a liberal supporter of church work. A friend to all the phases of home development, he is too valuable to try to estimate his worth. His life speaks for itself.

HOME OF MR. MARTIN

MR. C. H. SHEPPARD

Mr. C. H. Sheppard is a pioneer in developing undeveloped resources. Twenty-five years ago he practically opened a new territory by installing a flour and meal mill and a wood-working plant on an undeveloped water power on Snow Creek. His business has had such a steady increase that he has had to enlarge and rebuild three times. At present the Snow Creek Roller Mills and Wood Working Plant is one of the most successful enterprises in the county.

Mr. Sheppard is a power in the industrial activity. The story of the development of a community hinges on the work of this man. He has aided in the establishment of schools, churches, better homes, and is now leading a movement for good highways.

Mr. Sheppard is prominent in the Democratic party. He was its nominee for Sheriff in 1912. His method of life is such that he attracts widespread attention from his fellows.

MILL OF MR. SHEPPARD ON SNOW CREEK

MR. P. C. SHEPPARD

Mr. P. C. Sheppard is a prosperous young man managing a thriving business in partnership with his father. He is directly connected with a large lumber, flour and meal mill. He has shown his good business ability by his excellent management of these enterprises. In addition to his own business he is a stockholder in various establishments, including the Farmers' Union Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Sheppard is a progressive young man, who strives for the upbuilding of his community. He is modern in his ideas in regard to permanent improvements, and is active in enforcing them. Congenial and pleasant, he is a popular man and numbers his friends only by his acquaintances.

MR. J. R. FOREST

Mr. J. R. Forest is one of the "live" ones in the Brown Mountain section. In business he is a merchant, farmer, millman, contractor, and stockholder in the Bank of Stokes County. He is contemplating adding a large roller mill to his lumber plant.

Mr. Forest is a good Sunday School worker. A Presbyterian in church affiliation, he is possessed with that good old Presbyterian spirit that causes one to hold optomistic views of things when in the face of difficulties. He is, furthermore, a promoter of better educational advantages and believes in a trained citizenship. Nothing that pertains to the public welfare escapes his attention.

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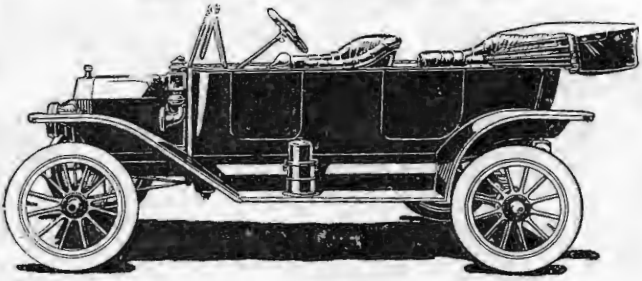

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